

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An electromagnetic switching device, ~~in particular a contactor, having comprising:~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ -an electromagnetic drive apparatus; ~~(2) and having~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ at least one electrical contact ~~(5),~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ in which case the contact being (5) can be movable~~  
~~by means of a contact link support (4) from a disconnected~~  
~~position to a bridging position by the electromagnetic drive~~  
~~apparatus (2) when a pull-in current (I) is applied to the~~  
~~electromagnetic drive apparatus (2),~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ with the contact (5) being closed in the bridging~~  
~~position and being open in the disconnected position; 7~~  
~~characterized~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ in that the electromagnetic switching device has~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ a basic appliance; ~~(1) and~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ an additional appliance ~~(7) which is,~~ connected to the  
basic appliance, ~~the (1),~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ in that the contact link support (4) and the at least one~~  
~~contact being (5) are arranged in the basic appliance (1), the~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ in that the additional appliance including, (7) has~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ -an extension, ~~(8) which is~~ connected to the contact  
link support ~~(4) in such a way that the extension (8) is~~  
~~positively guided by the contact link support (4), and~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ in that the extension (8) can being~~ mechanically  
blockable by ~~use means of a locking element, (11) which can~~  
~~be connectable~~ ed to the additional appliance ~~(7) and can be~~  
blockable ed in the disconnected position of the contact, ~~(5),~~  
such that the extension, ~~(8) and, with it,~~ the contact link  
support ~~(4) and the contact (5) as well is~~ are locked in the

disconnected position, even when the pull-in current ~~(I)~~ is applied to the electromagnetic drive apparatus ~~(2)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
~~characterized~~  
~~in that the contact is (5) can be blockable~~ in a locking element holder ~~(9)~~ by insertion of the locking element ~~(11)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 2,  
~~characterized~~  
~~in that wherein~~ the locking element holder ~~(9)~~ is open on both sides.

4. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein  
~~characterized~~  
~~in that the locking element holder (9)~~ is open on only one side.

5. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in ~~one of the above claims,~~  
~~characterized~~  
~~in that~~ claim 1, wherein the locking element is held captive in the additional appliance ~~(7)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in ~~one of the above claims,~~  
~~characterized~~  
~~in that~~ claim 1, wherein the additional appliance ~~(7)~~ has an additional switch ~~(14) which can be connected~~ connectable in a circuit via which the pull-in current ~~(I) can be applied~~ is applicable to the electromagnetic drive apparatus ~~(2)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 6, wherein

~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ the additional switch (14) is arranged and designed such that it is opened when the contact (5) is mechanically blocked.

8. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in ~~one of the above claims,~~  
~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ claim 1, wherein the additional appliance (7) is connected to the basic appliance (1) non-detachably, at least when the contact (5) is mechanically blocked in the disconnected position.

9. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in ~~one of the above claims,~~  
~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ claim 1, wherein the additional appliance (7) is latched to the basic appliance (1).

10. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in ~~one of the above claims,~~  
~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ claim 1, wherein the additional appliance (7) is adjacent to the basic appliance (1) on an appliance side which runs at right angles to a movement direction (\*) of the contact link support (4).

11. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in ~~one of the above claims,~~  
~~characterized~~

~~in that~~ claim 1, wherein an auxiliary switch housing is (15) ~~can be connectable~~ ed to the switching device and ~~has~~ includes an auxiliary switch (16) arranged in it, ~~which can be operated~~ able by the contact link support (4) together with the contact (5).

12. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in

claim ~~13~~11, wherein .  
~~characterized~~

~~in that the auxiliary switch (16) can be~~is operatableled,  
directly or indirectly, — by the contact link support ~~(4)~~  
without any play.

13. (Currently Amended) An additional appliance for an  
electromagnetic switching device as claimed in ~~one of the~~  
~~above claims~~claim 1.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
the electromagnetic switching device is a contactor.

18. (New) An auxiliary switch housing, connectable to the  
switching device as claimed in claim 1, and including an  
auxiliary switch, operatable by the contact link support  
together with the contact.

19. (New) The auxiliary switch housing as claimed in claim  
18, wherein the auxiliary switch is operatable, directly or  
indirectly, by the contact link support without any play.

20. (New) An arrangement, comprising:  
the switching device as claimed in claim 1;  
an auxiliary switch housing, connectable to the switching  
device, wherein an auxiliary switch is arranged in the  
auxiliary switch housing, operatable by the contact link  
support together with the contact.

21. (New) The aarrangement as claimed in claim 20, wherein  
the auxiliary switch is operatable, directly or indirectly, by

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the contact link support without any play.